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DAHLIAS  
OF  
MERIT



U.S. Department of Agriculture.

WORLD'S

NEWEST  
CREATIONS

Box 524, Georgetown Station, Seattle, Wash.

VISITORS WELCOME—GARDENS LOCATED  
One mile south of City Limits on New Seattle-Tacoma Highway at Duwamish River

POMPON DAHLIAS

The demand for Pompon Dahlias has greatly increased in recent years, because they are almost indispensable for small decorations, and have many uses where the larger varieties would be out of the question. They come in almost all colors, bloom very freely, and have excellent keeping qualities.

25 Cents Each

(or \$2.50 per Dozen in Assorted Colors—Our Selection)

AMBER QUEEN: Amber, shaded apricot.  
 ARIEL: Deep orange buff.  
 EARNEST HARPER: Coral red.  
 EUNICE: Flesh pink and lavender.  
 DARKEST OF ALL: Maroon, almost black.  
 GOLDEN QUEEN: Golden yellow.  
 GRAFIN ANNA VON SCHWERIN: Light pink, shading to white center.  
 GRETCHEN HEINIE: Blush white, heavily tipped with rose.  
 HEDWIG POLWEG: Red and white variegated.  
 IOLANTHE: Beautiful shade of copper and amber.

ISABEL: Bright vermillion.  
 JESSICA: Yellow edged red.  
 JOE FETTI: Pure white, the very best.  
 JOHNNIE: Crimson maroon.  
 LASSIE: Old rose.  
 LITTLE BEESWING: Cherry red shaded amber. Very beautiful.  
 PHOEBE: Orange red, with yellow base.  
 SKEEZIX: Lavender pink, very small.  
 SUNNY DAYBREAK: Yellow tipped orange.  
 SUNSET: Clear orange; a beauty.  
 YELLOW BEM: Pure yellow of excellent form.  
 The best of yellows.

The following pages contain a list of Dahlias in which will be found the choicest varieties grown, and they vary from the tiniest Pompon an inch or less in diameter to the great, gorgeous decorative beauties. They represent the best to be found in these classes. Decorative (D) Peony-flowered (P), Cactus (C), Hybrid-cactus (H C), Show (S), Collarette (Col.).

ALMA LORRAINE (D)—A most beautiful dahlia immense in size. Flowers are held on the tip of the stem, facing the sky like a huge water lily. Exceptionally long, rigid stems. A perfect cut flower type, having all the good qualities demanded of such types. For exhibition purposes, none better. The color is a beautiful deep old rose shading to a deep pink; a color combination that is rare among flowers. We highly recommend this Dahlia of Merit ..... 5.00

AMUN RA (D)—Also called The Egyptian Sun God. Outer petals are copper and orange deepening to a rich reddish bronze. The large blossoms greatly resemble a gigantic water lily in formation. A prize winner at many shows..... .75

\*AUTUMN GLORY (D)—A beautiful shade of orange buff; petals slightly curled with a reflex of nevron rose. The large blossoms are produced freely on long, stiff stems. An excellent cut flower and exhibition variety. A new 1930 introduction that we highly recommend. An exceptionally large growing variety..... 5.00

BOB PLEUSE (H C)—Deep crimson, each petal tipped white. Very large and of unusual attractiveness. One of the most admired Dahlias. A profuse bloomer with an ideal stem. Wonderful exhibition variety. Awarded many prizes. Very fine..... .50

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<b>BUTTERFLY (D)</b> —Pinkish salmon on the outer edges, shading lighter toward the center that finally reaches a delicate cream. The most outstanding cut Dahlia on the market. A Dahlia of real merit and winner of many prizes. Worth twice the price.....	1.00
<b>B. P. O. E. (S)</b> —An attractive shade of true purple. A most satisfactory florists' flower because of its keeping qualities and good stem. A 1929 prize winner.....	2.50
<b>CAMILLE FRACHON (P)</b> —An intense glistening red deepening to a rich garnet. Habit of growth is ideal. One that will attract attention wherever shown.....	1.00
<b>* CAMPFIRE (P)</b> —A very striking combination of scarlet and gold that attracts attention immediately. Stem is long and stiff. A new 1929 introduction. Stock limited.....	2.00
<b>CARDINAL GEM (C)</b> —A beautiful cardinal red cactus, petals standing out as rays of the sun shoot out. Stems are firm holding the blooms erect. Flowers are of medium size keeping exceptionally well when cut. A new and recent prize winner at the Pasadena Horticulture Show in 1929. A flower with a future.....	1.00
<b>* COL. CHAS. LINDBERGH (H C)</b> —A deep rich velvety maroon; flowers are held high above the foliage on long stiff stems; excellent for exhibition and as a cut flower; good keeper and free blooming. A new 1929 Blue Ribbon winner; no garden would be complete without this Dahlia of merit.....	2.50
<b>DADDY BUTLER (H C)</b> —The many petals are perfectly rolled. The color is of the American Beauty rose shades, or rosy carmine, reverse lighter tint. Stem is perfect and a most profuse bloomer. Excellent as a cut flower and exhibition variety.....	.50
<b>* DR. WALTER CUSTER (H C)</b> —An exceptionally large variety in this type. Color is scarlet, heavily tipped gold. Blooms are produced freely on the best of stems. A Dahlia of real merit. A new 1929 introduction easily worth twice the price.....	5.00
<b>EAGLE ROCK SUNSHINE (H C)</b> —An enormous flower of a clear rich yellow. The huge flowers are held perfectly erect on strong upright stems. An exceptionally fine exhibition variety either for the show or in the garden.....	1.00
<b>EL CAMINO REAL (D)</b> —A gorgeous velvety Spanish crimson in color. Strikingly magnificent in its regal beauty. Enormous in size, commonly 10 inches in diameter, with a depth of two to three inches. This Dahlia is admired by all.....	1.00
<b>* ELSIE WEST (D)</b> —The immense blossoms are crimson red in color; the plants are exceptionally vigorous, producing the huge blooms freely on long rigid stems. Unlike many dahlias that diminish their size as the season advances, we can truthfully say the Elsie West retains its perfect formation and size throughout the season. An ideal exhibition variety for the garden and show. A real gem and Dahlia of merit.....	5.00
<b>* ETHEL MAY NELSON (D)</b> —A most beautiful orchid flower with a faint suffusion of pink. The immense blossoms are held erect on stems 2 to 3 feet above the foliage. Exceptionally prolific; unexcelled as a cut flower or for exhibition purposes. A new 1930 Dahlia of Merit that will be constant joy in your garden.....	5.00
<b>FLAMING METEOR (D)</b> —The color of this beauty is the liveliest flame imaginable. A very prolific bloomer; stems are perfect. Will create a sensation wherever it is shown. Its prize winnings are legion. No collection complete without this Blue Ribbon winner. Easily worth twice the price. We highly recommend this beauty.....	1.00
<b>FORT MONMOUTH (H C)</b> —A gigantic, long-petaled flower of spectacular rich claret, with a brightness unusual in red dahlias. Of immense size and wonderful formation, the bloom is held on a stiff stem over a strong-growing bush. Very free flowering and keeps well when cut. You are sure to be pleased with Fort Monmouth.....	5.00
<b>* FRANCIS WILLIAMS (D)</b> —The color is a rosy pink with a lavender sheen. An excellent cut flower and exhibition variety. A 1929 introduction and Blue Ribbon winner.....	2.50
<b>GALLI-CURCI (D)</b> —A curly petaled flower of extreme grace and charm, very beautiful in color, a rich salmon-orange, intensified with tints of gold. Blossoms are extremely large. Created a sensation throughout the East and West.....	5.00
<b>GOLDEN WEST (H C)</b> —One of the very best of its type. Has extra long stems, graceful and wiry. Old gold in color. Should be in every garden.....	.50
<b>GOLDEN EMBLEM (D)</b> —Huge flowers of a clear, rich, golden color. The petals are long and wavy giving the flower a very artistic appearance that is most attractive. A splendid cut flower as well as exhibition type.....	1.00
<b>GRAND MATRON (D)</b> —A beautiful deep mauve pink flower of fine habit.....	2.50
<b>HARRIET THOMPSON (D)</b> —A brilliant orange buff with a reflex of Orient red. Excellent as an exhibition variety.....	1.50
<b>* ISABEL SCANLON (D)</b> —In color a vivid sparkling red, the plant is a vigorous grower continually in bloom. Flowers are extra large. A Blue Ribbon winner.....	2.00
<b>JEAN KERR (D)</b> —A free blooming variety of dwarf habit; pure snowy white in color; a good cut flower exceptionally fine for bouquets in the home. Peer of all whites.....	.50
<b>JERSEY'S BEAUTY (D)</b> —A perfect bloom of an exceedingly live, deep, pink, carried high above the foliage on perfect stems. Awarded Sweepstakes in 1928 and 1929.....	.50
<b>JERSEY'S JEWEL (H C)</b> —Mallow pink flowers of immense size. Excellent for exhibition....	1.00
<b>J. W. DAVIES (D)</b> —A fine bright purplish rose shading to a deep cerise in center. Has every good quality a Dahlia should have. You will like it as others do.....	.50

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**How to Grow Dahlias and Care for Them**

Dahlias are exceedingly easy to grow, but require an open, sunny location for best results. To produce the finest plants, soil should be prepared several weeks before planting time, by spading in well-rotted manure, or other fertilizer.

After all danger of frost is past, again spade up the ground as deep as possible. Have on hand sufficient stakes 1 x 1½ inches by five feet in length for your needs and drive at least 18 inches in the ground, three or four feet apart each way. Next, dig a hole at each stake from four to six inches deep, according to the nature of the soil (deeper for light soils and shallower for heavy soils). Place tubers about two inches from the stake with the eye up. Never stand the tuber on end. Cover the tuber with the soil lightly about three inches and as the sprout grows, gradually fill up the hole. Do not water the tubers immediately after planting; soil should be moderately damp (not wet), as too much moisture at this time is dangerous for the tubers. Later on when plants commence to form flowering buds, ground should be thoroughly watered at least once a week.

**Training the Plant**

If several sprouts appear above the ground, remove all except one or two from each plant. When they are sufficiently above the ground to show three or four sets of leaves, pinch out the center stem above these sets. This will cause branches to grow from the laterals and produce a strong, bushy plant. Tie plants to the stakes to avoid being broken down by wind or other causes.

**Cultivation and Disbudding**

Soil should be kept loose around the young plants; after each rain or irrigating, they should be cultivated to keep the ground in good condition and prevent the growth of weeds. Later in the season, when the fine silky roots come near the surface, cultivation must be abandoned.

Flower buds are produced in threes; when these appear, remove the two side buds leaving the center bud remain on the tip of the stem. Next, remove the laterals which are forming "bud-like" between the set of leaves and stem below the flower bud; these laterals should be removed down two sets of leaves. By this method you will have finer flowers in a larger quantity. From the time Dahlias appear above the ground they should be sprayed at least once a week until plant is six weeks old against insect pests, such as Thrip and Aphis, using Nicotine Sulphate 40%, one teaspoonful to one gallon of water; add to this a solution of soap powder or dissolved soap (whale oil soap preferred), enough to make the mixture slightly soapy. Apply with a sprayer both on top and under the foliage of the plant.

**Digging and Dividing the Clumps of Tubers**

After frost has killed the plants cut off the tops. Next, with a sharp spade cut around the plant about a foot from the main stalk; insert the spade deeply under the clump and gently lift out the clump so as to avoid breaking long tubers. Wash off all soil from the clumps with a hose, being careful not to break the thin necks of the tubers. Divide the tubers from the clump by cutting with a sharp knife a portion of the main stalk connecting to the tuber; the eyes, or sprouts, are located at this junction, called crown. Tubers that have no eye at this junction, or crown, will not grow, only those tubers having eyes and unbroken necks should be saved for next year's planting. After dividing clumps, all cut portions, or surfaces, should be dipped in hydrated lime, or sulphur; this will tend to neutralize acid that may form on the cut parts due to bleeding. Let tubers air out for one or two days until all surplus moisture has dried off (keeping under shelter at night to keep from freezing). The tubers may now be packed in boxes, in layers of either sand or sawdust, whichever used must be absolutely dry. Store in a cool dry place away from freezing.

Should we be able to assist you with other Dahlia information, kindly phone, call, or write, and we will gladly do so. Your satisfaction is our success.

**SEATTLE DAHLIA GARDENS.**

GARDENS LOCATED ONE AND A HALF MILES SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS ON NEW SEATTLE-TACOMA HIGHWAY AT DUWAMISH RIVER



JANE COWL (D)—Color is a warm buff and old gold, blending to apricot and rose at the center. It is one of the most admired Dahlias to date; a prize winning variety that is really the peer of all dahlias. Very free blooming; excellent for cutting and exhibition purposes. No collection complete without it. A recent sensation.....	1.50
KATHLEEN NORRIS (D)—A bloom of gigantic proportions. True rose-pink in color, later deepening to mallow-pink as the flower ages. Stems are long and firm. It was awarded first prize as the largest flower in four great Eastern shows in addition to innumerable other awards throughout the country.....	5.00
* KING SCARLET (D)—The immense blossoms of this new 1930 introduction are a bright flaming scarlet in color. Flowers are produced very freely on extra strong growing plants; stems are long and firm, holding the blooms high above the foliage. Excellent as a cut flower having all good requirements demanded of such types. Unexcelled as an exhibition variety being both attractive in color and size. A Dahlia of Merit. New 1930.....	5.00
* LADY CLAIRE (D)—A new 1929 introduction that was greatly admired at the recent Western Washington State Fair. Is truly an immense Dahlia; the color is a clear Chinese yellow, a brightness in color that fairly dazzles you. Blossoms are large and are held on firm, straight stems. Amongst the recent prize winners of 1929.....	2.50
LAKE CHAMPLAIN (D)—Mammoth flowers pure white in color; stems are long and rigid holding the blooms well erect. This is without doubt the finest white Dahlia to date.....	3.00
LAKE PEND 'REILLE (H C)—A beautiful shade of mallow pink. Petals twist and curl giving the blossom a very dainty appearance.....	1.50
LAKE WINNIPEG (D)—Huge blossoms borne on the tip of strong, firm stems; an exceptional fine exhibition variety; color is a deep mauve pink. A Dahlia of real merit.....	2.00
LITTLE JEWEL (D)—A beautiful light pink miniature decorative that is very attractive....	.50
LOST GOLD (H C) Color is a beautiful shade of amber and gold. Blossoms are of huge size on stems that are long and wiry. A fine exhibition flower for the show or garden.....	1.00
MABEL GARRISON (H C)—Medium size blossoms of a scarlet-vermilion color shading lighter towards the tips of petals. Petals tipped yellow.....	1.50
MARMION (D)—A pure golden yellow with a bronze shading at center. Stems are excellent and size is immense. Another prize winner.....	1.00
MAUD ADAMS (S)—Snowy white, tipped pink; a most dainty-looking flower. Very good..	.50
* MAUVE QUEEN (D)—A most beautiful shade of deep mauve-pink that surpasses all others in this type and color. The large flowers are of perfect formation and are held (skyward) on long rigid stems. A strong vigorous plant of excellent habit. Fine for cut flowers or for exhibition purposes. A favorite with Pacific Coast Florists. A Dahlia of Merit .....	5.00
* MOONLIGHT (D)—A beautiful exhibition type that is immense in size. Color is a clear bright moon-yellow. The plant is of strong, sturdy growth, producing the huge blossoms in abundance the entire season. Stems are long and firm, holding the flowers perfectly erect high above the foliage. Moonlight is one of the largest dahlias we have ever grown; it is one of the finest we have introduced. A new Dahlia of Real Merit .....	5.00
MRS. ALFRED B. SEAL (D)—An immense blossom of glowing old rose, a most beautiful shade that is very attractive. A winner of many prizes since its introduction.....	5.00
* MRS. CHAS. WHITMAN (D)—An enormous flower of a warm pleasing creamy-pink, shading to cream in the center—a delicate pastel blend of pink and cream. This beautiful Dahlia is of perfect formation, stems are long and strong, holding the bloom well above the foliage. An ideal cut flower as well as exhibition variety that was greatly admired when exhibited for the first time in 1929 at the Western Washington State Fair. A prize winner. This new Dahlia surpasses all others in this shade and color; it is truly a Dahlia of merit that we can highly recommend.....	5.00
MRS. ETHEL F. T. SMITH (H C)—Creamy white shading to a lemon tint in the center. It is a profuse bloomer on strong stems. Fine for exhibition purposes.....	.50
* MRS. HERBERT SMITH (D)—Clear canary yellow; in formation it greatly resembles a huge chrysanthemum. Blooms early and late; has an excellent stem making it an ideal cut flower. A new 1928 Prize Winner.....	2.00
MRS. FANNIE HIDDEN (D)—These large golden blossoms are held on the tip of the stem (greatly resembling the Turner Chrysanthemum), it is admitted to be the most outstanding Dahlia in this color and type. Has won and is still winning many prizes. No garden should be without it. We highly recommend this one.....	2.00
MRS. G. C. BURBANK (H C)—Rosy pink, shaded lavender; blooms are of medium size and are produced abundantly on good stiff stems; an ideal florist flower; one that you will like. Awarded sweepstakes 1926 Western Washington State Fair.....	2.50
* MRS. JOSEPHINE ŠVARZ (D)—This new 1929 prize winner created a sensation at its recent showing. It was the most admired Dahlia at the 1929 Western Washington State Fair. Garden Magazines throughout the country proclaim this new creation to be of outstanding merit. Color is scarlet, each petal edged broadly a bright gold. It is one that you must see to admire, as no description we can give would be completely adequate. We are real proud of this one and we know that we have reasons to be so from what the many thousands have said that have seen this beauty. A Dahlia of merit and worth twice the price. Awarded Blue Ribbon 1929 .....	2.50
NOBILIS (D)—Striking combinations of scarlet and white with white predominating; one that will attract attention; a winner of many prizes.....	1.00

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<b>NORTH WESTERN (H C)</b>	—An attractive exhibition type, similar in color to the famous Bob Pleuse; color is crimson with each petal tipped white. A novelty dahlia that is very attractive .....	1.00
<b>ORANGE GOLD (H C)</b>	—Rich orange-yellow, medium. Large, good free blooming habit, producing full-centered flowers in abundance until frost. A good cut flower.....	1.00
<b>★ ORCHID DREAM (D)</b>	—The name itself for this new 1929 beauty describes its color. At a recent contest held by the Rosaia Flower Stores this wonderful flower was admired by the many thousands and is considered the finest orchid Dahlia to date. The blossoms are of large size and are held on the tip of the stem which is long and firm. Truly a choice exhibition variety, both for the show or garden. We can highly recommend this Dahlia of merit. Can be grown easily 15 inches or more in diameter.....	5.00
<b>PARADISE (H C)</b>	—A large exhibition type. Old gold tinted rose. Very charming.....	1.00
<b>★ PAUL NELSON (H C)</b>	—Huge blossoms of a lemon yellow, tipped and striped carmine. A most striking dahlia that attracts attention immediately in the garden or show. Blooms are held on the tip of stems (skyward) and greatly resemble huge water lilies. A new 1929 introduction that will be a great favorite in the novelty type class.....	5.00
<b>★ PETER L. ROSAIA (D)</b>	—The flowers of this beautiful 1931 introduction are very large and deep. Color is a beautiful soft shade of orange buff tinged nevron rose, petals are slightly fluted showing a reflex of a deeper rose with a sheen of gold. A most beautiful Autumn shade. Stems are extra long and wiry, holding the blossoms in a most graceful manner. <i>A Dahlia of Merit</i> .....	5.00
<b>PRIDE OF THE NAVY (D)</b>	—Color is a light cadmium, suffused red, with petals tipped white. A color combination that is very attractive. Flowers are of large size.....	1.00
<b>QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL (D)</b>	—The color of this immense Dahlia is a beautiful primrose yellow. Has won numerous prizes throughout the entire country on account of its huge size. It is one of those types that is just naturally large, 9 to 12 inches across without forcing. A fine exhibition variety either for the show or garden.....	1.50
<b>REGENT (C)</b>	—Large, beautiful flowers of a clear mauve-pink. An attractive garden variety .....	.50
<b>ROBERT SCOTT (D)</b>	—The immense blossoms are apricot yellow shading to rose in color. A free blooming type excellent for exhibition purposes in the show or garden.....	2.00
<b>ROSE FALLON (D)</b>	—A pleasing shade of amber, russet, and salmon, exceptionally fine.....	1.00
<b>ROSA NELL (D)</b>	—A deep bright rose; the blooms are immense in size and produced freely on good stems; an ideal cut flower and exhibition variety.....	.50
<b>SCARLET QUEEN (Col.)</b>	—A most dainty collarette. Scarlet with a bright golden collar. Excellent as a cut flower and very attractive in the garden.....	.50
<b>SISKIYOU (H C)</b>	—An immense Dahlia that has won prize after prize on account of its size. The color is pink, tinged mauve. A sweepstake winner at many shows.....	1.00
<b>SCREAMER (P)</b>	—Violet purple, suffused mauve. The giant flowers are held on long, strong stems; good for exhibition purposes in the show or garden.....	.75
<b>SHUDOWS LAVENDER (D)</b>	—Color is a beautiful shading of lavender and white; flowers are large with a broad and wavy formation; stems are perfect, long and stiff; keeping qualities when cut are excellent; should be in every collection. A winner of many prizes and one that is greatly admired by all. You too will like it.....	1.00
<b>★ SUNRAY (H C)</b>	—An immense orange buff flower with a tinge of rose deepening towards the center to a bright golden yellow. Blossoms are very large and deep. Stems are long and sturdy. Sunray is a most vigorous grower; blossoms being produced abundantly throughout the entire season. One of the most admired dahlias in our field. <i>A new introduction and Dahlia of Merit</i> .....	5.00
<b>WACHUNG SUNRISE (D)</b>	—This remarkable dahlia for two years in succession created sensational interest at the American Dahlia Shows in New York. A huge decorative of golden amber, with reverse of petals showing rose-pink. It is not only one of the unusual dahlias in color, but in form as well. The flower is large and deep. Stems are strong and sturdy, holding the flowers erect and well above the foliage.....	5.00
<b>WALTER DEEGAN (C)</b>	—An intense, rich, fiery scarlet, suffused with orange.....	.50
<b>★ WARRIOR (S)</b>	—A new introduction that will become a great favorite as a cut flower and exhibition type. It is identical in color with the famous Col. Chas. Lindbergh dahlia, being a rich, velvety maroon. A profuse bloomer of perfect show type formation. Stems are long and rigid.....	2.50
<b>WANDEL (P)</b>	—A new Eastern creation which has caused a sensation at the flower shows. Color is amber heavily tipped white. Very attractive.....	1.00

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